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ADD KENNEDY, NEWPORT (UPI)-34)

PRESS SECRETARY SALINGER FIRST DISCLOSED THAT DULLES WAS ENROUTE TO SEE KENNEDY. THEN CAME WORD OF THE 11:45 A.M. STATEMENT BY KENNEDY. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, IT WAS LEARNED THAT MCCONE WAS WITH THE VETERAN CIA DIRECTOR.

AGAINST THE PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE THAT MCCONE WAS UNDER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION FOR THE JOB, IT BECAME ONLY A MATTER OF WAITING FOR THE TWO MEN TO APPEAR WITH THE PRESIDENT BEFORE REPORTERS AND HEAR KENNEDY'S FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

DURING THE NIGHT AND EARLY THIS MORNING, THE PRESIDENT WAS KEPT ABREAST OF ADJOURNMENT PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS. AT 2:30 A.M. HOUSE DEMOCRATIC WHIP CARL ALBERT OF OKLAHOMA TELEPHONED THE PRESIDENT AND IN BEHALF OF THE HOUSE, MADE THE TRADITIONAL REQUEST TO DETERMINE IF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE HAD ANY MORE BUSINESS FOR CONGRESS BEFORE ADJOURNMENT.

AT 6:12 A.M. A SIMILAR CALL CAME FROM SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD. IN BOTH CASES, THE PRESIDENT HAD NO ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AND BADE THE HOUSE AND SENATE GODSPEED AND A PLEASANT HOLIDAY.

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